



# Inside Wallops

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## Wallops Holds Annual Awards Ceremony

NASA Wallops Flight Facility's annual awards ceremony, held December 12, recognized employees who have received NASA or Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) Honor Awards or GSFC Awards of Excellence during the year. NASA employees who have achieved 25 or more years of government service also were recognized.

GSFC Director, Al Diaz, joined other GSFC and Wallops supervisors in congratulating this year's award recipients. Wallops Senior Manager, John Campbell, gave a pictorial review of projects, events and celebrations during the past year and a look at what's in the future for WFF.

The Wallops Exchange and Morale Association, Morale Activities Committee named Dawna Marr as Volunteer of the Year.

Special recognition and a certificate of appreciation was presented to Delegate Robert Bloxom who is retiring in January after 26 years of service in the Virginia General Assembly.

The following NASA employees received service awards:

### 40 Years of Service



**Charlie Lipsett and David Davis (not pictured)**

### 35 Years of Service



**John Gerlach**

### 30 Years of Service



**(left to right) Freda Johnson, Vernon Bailey, Eddie Pettitt, Larry Duffy, and Audrey Young (not pictured) Ronnie Evans, Mike Bundick, Carol Barrineau, and Greg Smith**

### 25 Years of Service



**(left to right) Con Duer, Henry Hart, Bill Phillips, and A.J. Kellam (not pictured) Prasad Hanagud, Sue Semancik, Bruce Smith, Ted Miles, Greg Waters and Brenda Harrie**

*Photos by James Mason-Foley*

## Inside Wallops Balloon Launch

A NASA scientific balloon was successfully launched from McMurdo, Antarctica, on December 12. The payload for the 39.57 million cubic foot balloon is the Transition Radiation Array for Cosmic Energetic Radiation (TRACER) instrument that will be used to measure the energy spectra and relative abundances of heavy cosmic ray nuclei at very high energy levels. Dietrich Muller, University of Chicago, is the principal investigator. The flight is in progress.

## In the News

*Avionics Magazine*

"NASA's Solution to Runway Incursion"

*Worcester County Messenger*  
"New Center at Wallops Island"

*The Daily Times*

"Coast Guard Station to be Torn Down" and "Spaceport Deal Raises Job Opportunity Hopes"

*Eastern Shore News*

"Partnership Strengthens Spaceport" and "Old Coast Guard Station Slated for Demolition"

## BPO Feature Display

A Balloon Program Office (BPO) display is being featured in the main library at Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt during December. The display showcases BPO activities along with related books and articles.

## Coast Guard Housing Dedication

A ribbon cutting for Coast Guard Group Eastern Shore's new family housing complex was held on December 12. The complex will have 24 homes and 14 duplexes.

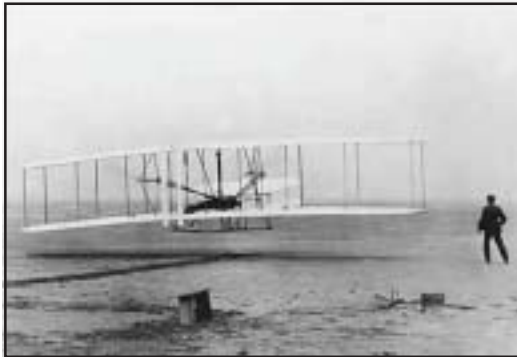
Virginia Congressman Ed Schrock, Vice Admiral Thad Allen, Rear Admiral Sally Brice-Ohara, Captain Steve Sawyer, Commander Mark Ogle, Lieutenant Commander Craig Morgan and USCG Housing Officer, David Pomeroy, attended the event.

Captain Sawyer was Commanding Officer for Group Eastern Shore when the planning for the new housing began. Commander Ogle was the Group Commander when Coast Guard Headquarters authorized the project and work began.

## 100 Years of Powered Aviation

Few moments in history have done more to capture the essence of the American spirit - freedom of the pursuit of dreams - than the Wright brothers' historic first flight .... 12 seconds that changed the world!

On December 17 at the Wright Brothers National Memorial, Kill Devil Hills, N.C., 100 years after Orville and Wilbur Wright made aviation history, an attempt will be made to recreate one of the most significant moments of the last century – the Wrights' first heavier-than-air powered flight which took off at precisely 10:35 a.m. and lasted 12 seconds, traveling 120 feet.



## The Children's Christmas Party



December 18  
6 to 9 p.m.  
in Building F-3

Children must be registered

Call:  
Rebecca Beach, x1559; Sandra Banks, x2526; Dave Smith, x1316 or Karen Lewis, x2163

Sponsored by the Wallops Exchange and Morale Association, Morale Activities Committee and the Black History Club.

## Depressed during the holiday season?

The holiday season seems to arrive earlier each year. The holidays are rich with memories of the past, however our expectations for the coming events are often unrealistic. We may become frustrated causing sadness, disappointment and anger. Internalizing our emotions may lead to depression.

The depression may begin with anxiety about a trip home for the holidays and continue into the New Year. It is normal to experience post-holiday depression, which is usually, mild and short-lived. When depression starts before or during the holidays, this may signal an unresolved emotional conflict

The holidays may also be a difficult time for people who have lost a loved one, found themselves without anyone to share the holiday and for people with emotional stress, financial concerns, or alcohol and drug dependent persons.

There are resources available to help. Contact the Employee Assistance Program if you feel counseling is needed. Help is available 24 hours a day. Call 800-327-3257. Tom Northern is NASA's EAP Representative. REMINDER: This is totally confidential.

## Executive Order - Closing of Executive Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government on Friday, December 26, 2003

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. All executive branch departments and agencies of the Federal Government shall be closed and their employees excused from duty on Friday, December 26, 2003, the day after Christmas Day, except as provided in section 2 below.

Sec. 2. The heads of executive branch departments and agencies may determine that certain offices and installations of their organizations, or parts thereof, must remain open and that certain employees must report for duty on December 26, 2003, for reasons of national security or defense or other public need.

Sec. 3. Friday, December 26, 2003, shall be considered as falling within the scope of Executive Order 11582 of February 11, 1971, and of 5 U.S.C. 5546 and 6103(b) and other similar statutes insofar as they relate to the pay and leave of employees of the United States.

GEORGE W. BUSH  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
December 9, 2003

*We would like to extend best wishes for a very happy holiday season to all our friends and co-workers.*



*The next edition of "Inside Wallops" will be January 12, 2004.*

*Betty Flowers  
and Keith Koehler  
Public Affairs Office*

## CFC Contributions

By Amy Taylor

The 2003 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is at an end.

Thank to NASA employees for their generous support and contributions to this year's CFC campaign.

Through your generosity, needs of the less fortunate can be met.

A special thank you to all the folks who donated time to this year's campaign - the keyworkers and most of all the people who donated.

Thank you for supporting the CFC - NASA gave \$27,852.00.

## Mandatory Security Education and Awareness Training

All Goddard Space Flight Center civil service employees and onsite and offsite contractors who are included in the Locator and Information Services Tracking System (LISTS) are required to complete the training course entitled "Security Education and Awareness Module" on the SOLAR Web site.

The module is required to be completed by December 31, 2003.

Go to the SOLAR Web site at <https://solar.msfc.nasa.gov> and click on the "Training Centers" link located on the toolbar. Click on the GSFC link and you will find the course entitled "Security Education and Awareness Module."

Before taking the training course, follow the SOLAR Web site instructions and update your user profile (e.g., name, location, organization code, telephone number, and e-mail address).

Go to "My Account" on the toolbar and click on "Change User Information" on the following screen.

Having up-to-date user information will allow accurate tracking, by organizational code, of individuals who have completed the training.

For further information contact Shawn Boesen on x66-7233 or via e-mail: [Shawn.M.Boesen@nasa.gov](mailto:Shawn.M.Boesen@nasa.gov)

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